

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration of the Application. Claims 1-20 are pending and rejected in the Application. Claims 1, 7, 13, 19, and 20 have been amended. For at least the reasons discussed below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Sections 102 and 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0222944 filed by Dodson et al. ("*Dodson*"). The Examiner rejects Claims 4, 10, 16, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dodson* in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0002876 filed by Sommers et al. ("*Sommers*"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claim 1 is allowable at least because *Dodson* and *Sommers*, as well as the combination of *Dodson* and *Sommers* proposed by the Examiner, fails to disclose, teach, or suggest, expressly or inherently, elements specifically recited in Applicants' claims. For example, *Dodson* and *Sommers* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest "automatically requesting transaction information corresponding to the one or more transaction identifiers from one or more retailer systems, a retailer system used by a retailer that sells a product," and "receiving the transaction information from the one or more retailer systems, the transaction information provided in a machine-readable format" as recited in amended independent Claim 1.

The Examiner relies on the passage of *Dodson* at paragraph 0045 to teach a previous version of Claim 1. According to the passage:

At step 104, card processing module 12 automatically identifies, from the transactions details 34 of the transactions made by the employee using corporate credit card 32a and/or the non-corporate credit card 32b, the transactions made using the corporate card 32a. Card processing module 12 may then communicate the transactions details 34 of such identified transactions made using the corporate credit card 32a, indicated as corporate card transaction details 36, to expense report management module 50.

The passage, however, fails to disclose, teach, or suggest "automatically requesting transaction information corresponding to the one or more transaction identifiers from one or

more retailer systems, *a retailer system used by a retailer that sells a product,*” much less “receiving the transaction information from the one or more retailer systems, the transaction information provided in a machine-readable format” of amended independent Claim 1 (emphasis added). For at least these reasons, independent Claim 1 and its dependent claims are allowable. For analogous reasons, independent Claims 7, 13, 19, and 20 and their dependent claims are allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-20.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this case in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact Keiko Ichiye, the Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6494.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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